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piercing end terminating in a point or knife edge, the piercing end adapted to pierce through the building structure;

a first member pivotally coupled to the center shaft;

a second member pivotally coupled to the center shaft;

a collar slidably disposed on the center shaft; and

a locking mechanism coupled to the collar and having a first end movable relative to the collar and biasable against the shaft to fix the position of the collar relative to the shaft; and

a spring that biases at least one of the pivotal members away from the shaft.

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820. (Amended) An anchor for providing an attachment point on a building structure, comprising:

a center shaft having a tensile strength of at least about 5000 pounds, the shaft having a first end for piercing through the building structure and a second end;

a ring disposed on the first end and defining a hole spaced from the shaft for coupling a fall restraint thereto;

a first member pivotally coupled to the center shaft;

a second member pivotally coupled to the center shaft, the first member and the second member are rotatable between a first position proximate the shaft and a second position away from the shaft, wherein the first member and second member each include an end that meet to form a point that extends beyond the first end of the shaft when the first member and the second member are in the first position;

a collar slidably disposed on the center shaft, the collar and the first and second members sandwiching the building therebetween when the first and second members are in the second position and the collar is slid away from the ring; and

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a locking mechanism coupled to the collar and having a first end, the first end movable relative to the collar and biasable against the shaft for fixing the collar in an axial position relative to the shaft.

✓ 23. (Amended) The anchor of claim 17,¹ wherein the attachment end is coupled to the fall restraint.

C3 24. (Amended) An anchor for providing an attachment point on a building structure, comprising:

a center shaft having a tensile strength of at least about 5000 pounds, the shaft having a first end having a point or knife edge adapted for piercing through the building structure and a second end;

a ring disposed on the second end and defining a hole spaced from the shaft for coupling a fall restraint thereto;

a first member pivotally coupled to the center shaft;

a second member nesting with the first member and coupled to the center shaft at a common axis of rotation with the first member, the first member and the second member are rotatable between a first position proximate the shaft and a second position away from the shaft;

a pivot member disposed through the shaft and coupling the first and second members;

a collar slidably repositionable along the center shaft, the collar having a body and a flange extending radially outward from an end of the body facing the first end of the shaft; and

a locking mechanism coupled to the body of the collar and having a first end movable relative to the collar and biasable against the shaft for fixing the collar in an axial position relative to the shaft.

C) Please add the following new claims:

C4 3-25. (New) The anchor of claim 17,¹ wherein the collar further comprises: